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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 09-Sep-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 09/09/06	PREVIOUS WEEK 09/02/06
Broiler/fryer	150,870	170,536
Light hens	880	987
Heavy hens	1,248	1,561

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 02-Sep-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	50	0	50
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	97	0	97
Same week yr ago	289	0	289
To-date/2006	5,776	23	5,799
To-date/2005	9,233	40	9,273

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	981	1,557	2,538
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,052	1,553	2,605
Same week yr ago	1,658	1,338	2,996
To-date/2006	44,494	52,028	96,522
To-date/2005	61,660	49,935	111,595

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 02-Sep-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	168,295	931	1,557	2,488
Avg Wt	5.18	3.08	8.26	6.32
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	166,432	955	1,553	2,508
Same wk yr ago	150,807	1,369	1,338	2,707
Avg Wt	5.20	3.24	8.21	5.70
To-date/2006	5,645,608	38,718	52,005	90,723
To-date/2005	5,635,068	52,427	49,895	102,322

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 170.3 million head, or 7.7 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 02-Sep-06

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	53,700	84,183	24,329
Avg Weight	3.67	5.42	6.96
% of total /1	32%	50%	14%
Last week	44,621	88,120	26,791
Avg Weight	3.80	5.33	6.97
% of total /1	27%	53%	16%
Same week, yr ago /2	44,282	75,515	25,515
Avg Weight	3.81	5.27	6.79
% of total /1	29%	50%	17%
To date/2006	1,640,451	2,769,709	798,345
To date/2005	1,693,349	2,719,918	911,364

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 26-Aug-06
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,873	2,776	48	1	4,755
Avg Wt	15.78	34.92	25.37	45.87	27.23
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,108	2,624	18	5	4,735
Same wk yr ago	1,953	2,723	9	8	4,640
Avg Wt	15.79	34.96	21.30	35.67	27.05
To-date/2006	65,244	86,669	848	160	148,223
To-date/2005	59,088	87,151	791	130	142,467

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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